

A bill providing for a change in the Treasury fiscal year.

And a bill for the relief of Oling Pearson.

Mr Allen, chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, reported—

A bill for the relief of the Galveston and Red river Railway Company and supplementary to the several acts incorporating said Company.

A bill for the relief of C M Goolsby.

A bill conferring power on County Courts and town and city corporate authorities to establish quarantine regulations.

A bill to permit the city of Houston to levy a special tax for Railroad purposes.

And a joint resolution, appropriating \$5,548 70 to meet certain expenditures made for the Penitentiary; correctly enrolled—properly signed, and on yesterday presented to the Governor.

On motion of Mr Whitaker, a bill for the relief of Stephen F Sparks was taken up—read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, a bill for the relief of Elijah B Thomas and Elisha Thomas was taken up—read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, the rule was suspended—bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Wren, the motion to reconsider the vote rejecting a bill for the relief of the young men of Red River and Lamar counties, was taken up, and the vote reconsidered.

Mr Wren offered a bill to authorize the District Courts to issue land certificates in certain cases, as a substitute for the bill—adopted, and on motion of Mr Guinn, made the special order of the day for Friday the 25th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of the Creditors and Colonists of the German Emigration Company, and indemnify said Company for lands given by the State to Colonists—being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on yesterday, was taken up.

On motion of Mr Russell, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23rd, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Grimes presented the petition of Francis W. Johnson referred to the committee on private land claims, No. 1.

Mr Lott presented the petition of Mary Waters; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Potter from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to incorporate Alta Mira Lodge, No. 55, of I. O. O. F., reported the same back, recommending its passage.

Mr Flanagan, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Jefferson and Dangerfield Rail Road company, have, after examination, concluded that it is a legitimate and necessary enterprise and asks no privileges beyond those common and proper. The committee therefore, return it, recommending its passage.

Mr Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which was referred a bill to define the 4th Judicial District and prescribe the time of holding courts therein, returned the same, recommending its passage.

Mr Russell, from the committee on engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed,

A bill for the relief of Elijah B. Thomas and Elisha Thomas.

Mr Flanagan, chairman of the joint select committee, submitted the following report :

The joint select committee on the part of the Senate, to which was referred the memorial of Gen. T. J. Chambers, with an accompanying bill, have instructed me to report as follows : Gen. Chambers appeared before the joint select committee, and explained to the members thereof the machine which he claims to have invented, and in regard to which his memorial and accompanying bill were presented to the Senate. The explanations of Gen. Chambers were frank and full, and as minute and complete as could be made without models or drawings, within the time occupied before the committee.

The committee think proper to state that the machine in question as explained to them, is constructed on well known and well established principles of physics, that it is to be operated by a power or powers in common use. The application of these powers and principles, is believed to be novel, and justly entitles the inventor to the claim of originality.

In view of the numerous and wonderful applications of known powers and principles, for which the present age of the world is pre-eminently distinguished ; and your committee have only to cite the steam engine and Morse's telegraph—they are prepared to contemplate without prejudice, any machinery or discovery which proposes to abridge human labor and animal toil, and to facilitate the intercourse of mankind. On the other hand, the frequent failures and disappointments of the most ingenious, sanguine, and gifted inventors, admonish your committee to express themselves with a proper reserve in regard to any invention or

machine, which has not been tested by practice on a large scale. They have therefore wisely, as is deemed, abstained from expressing a positive opinion on this point.

On another point, that of the economical working of the machine, provided it be otherwise successful, your committee believe that this can be tested only by actual experiment.

If the machine is successful, as claimed, it will be by the inventor; or if it succeeds in a considerable degree only, your committee believe Gen. Chambers to be justly entitled to such advantages as are usually awarded to inventors.

Your committee have accordingly determined to report the accompanying bill and to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Senate. Your committee beg the attention of the Legislature to the two following facts: First, that no appropriation of money is asked for—and secondly, that no grant of land is made, except on the condition of roads being worked, and in actual use, for a distance of not less than 25 miles. The land bonus, like the corporate privileges, is contingent on actual success, and a right thereto, will accrue only on this success being universally manifest.

The committee are therefore of opinion that the rights of the State being so guarded, the prayer of the memorialist may and should be granted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A bill to incorporate the Terraqueous transportation company—read 1st time.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, the rule was suspended and the bill made the special order for Friday the 25th inst.

Mr Bryan, chairman of the committee on education, made the following report:

The committee on education have instructed me to report back to the Senate, a bill to appropriate five hundred leagues of land for the support of common schools, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

The committee have another bill before them making an appropriation of the proceeds of sales of public lands to the common school fund, which they are disposed to regard with more favor than the one now reported.

Mr Taylor of Cass, chairman of the committee on public debt, made the following report:

The committee on public debt have considered the petition of Geo. H. Burroughs, and find that he was commissioned as captain of the Texas Militia on the 10th day of January, 1836—that he raised a company at Zanesville, Ohio, for the Texas Army—he came to Texas and served as captain for the period of eight months—that he expended for supplies and transport for his company, four hundred and twenty dollars. That he

brought into the Texas Army fifty-six stand of arms, which was valued at eight hundred and ninety-six dollars, and that he received for his pay a draft on the Treasurer for five hundred dollars—all of which is unpaid and still due.

The committee are fully satisfied as to the justness of the claim as they find it all to be correct in the auditor's office. The petitioner alleges as a reason for not having applied at an early day, that soon after returning from Texas, he removed to Wisconsin, quite remote from Texas—that he never knew or saw anything of the ability of Texas to liquidate her liabilities until the 22d day of August, 1851, but a few days before the closing of the auditorial board—that he is poor, and was not able to come to Texas upon an uncertainty. From all the facts, the committee are fully satisfied that the relief prayed for should be granted, and herewith report a bill recommending its passage.

A bill for the relief of Geo. H. Burroughs; read first time.

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Cass, the rule was suspended, the bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Weatherford, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr Pirkey, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The committee on Public Lands have considered the petition of S A White, as assignee of Simon O White, and find that Sarah White emigrated to Texas prior to the Declaration of Independence, remained and died here,—that she was the head of a family—that on the 20th day of Jan'y, 1838, Simon White, as the assignee of said Sarah, applied for and obtained from the Board of Land Commissioners of Jackson county, a certificate, as assignee of said Sarah, for one league and labor of land—that on the 3d day of May, 1839, Simon sold and conveyed said certificates to said S A White. Further, said certificate was rejected by the "Traveling Board," and suit commenced by said S A White within the time prescribed by the Constitution for its establishment, but was dismissed after the time had expired for want of an affidavit to the petition. The committee have been thus particular in stating the facts, because the petition asks the grant of the certificate directly to himself.

The committee are satisfied that said Sarah White was entitled to the land granted in the certificate, and a majority of those present have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage:

A bill for the relief of S A White; read first time.

On motion of Mr Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Potter moved the further suspension of the rule; carried, and bill read third time and passed.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, moved the suspension of the rule, to take up a bill appropriating 500 leagues of land for the support and maintenance of common schools in the State of Texas; lost.

Mr Flanagan introduced a bill for the relief of Wm H Hudson; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No 1.

On motion of Mr Bryan, a bill for the relief of Thomas D Cayce was taken up.

M. Guinn offered the following amendment:

Strike out two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and insert one thousand dollars; lost.

The bill was then passed to a third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Flanagan, Hill, Lord, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Scarborough, Supervise, Tritt, Whitaker and White—19.

NAYS—Messrs Grimes, Guinn, Millican, Pirkey, Russell, Scott, Taylor, of Cass, Weatherford and Wren—9.

On motion of Mr Bryan, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr Palmer introduced a bill to establish a fund for the support of a law school in the State; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Education.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, originating in that body:

"A bill to create the county of Kerr;"

"A bill to create the county of Bandera;"

"A bill for the relief of Fred. W. Moore;"

"A bill to create the county of Maverick;"

"A bill to create the county of Kinney;"

"A bill to create the county of Young"

"A bill to create the county of Uvalde;"

"A bill to create the county of Live Oak;"

"A bill to incorporate the town of Lexington;"

"A bill for the relief of Geo. W. Robinson;"

"A bill to incorporate Franklin College;"

"A bill to incorporate the Texas Christian College;"

"A bill amendatory of an act concerning crimes and punishments," approved March 20th, 1848;"

"A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to employ additional Draughtsmen and Clerks, and to fix the salaries of the same."

"A bill to repeal an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Tyler University, in the town of Tyler, county of Smith,' and to re-incorporate the same;" and

"A joint resolution instructing our senators, and requesting our representatives, relative to the establishment of a new District Court of the United States in the territory west of the Pecos river."

On motion of Mr. Potter, "A bill to create the county of Kerr" reported from the House, was taken up, and read first time.

Mr. Potter moved the suspension of the rule: carried, and the bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, a House bill to create the county of Bandera was taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Senate bill, reported from the House with amendments, to create the county of Comanche, was taken up, and the amendments concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the House bill to create the county of Live Oak was taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read second time, and amended by inserting an enacting clause.

Mr. Allen, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor, "A bill creating the county of Wise," and "A bill for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a store and warehouse, and other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A bill for the relief of A. M. Clare: read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the rule was suspended, and the report of the committee on Public Debt on a "Joint Resolution concerning the Public Debt," offering as a substitute therefor, "A bill to provide for the liquidation and settlement of certain meritorious claims therein named," was taken up, and the substitute adopted.

The bill was then read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Pedigo introduced "A bill to incorporate Woodville College;" read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Allen, a bill to amend the 7th section of an act to provide for the payment of six companies of mounted volunteers that were mustered into the service of the State of Texas, on the first day of November, 1854, under a requisition of Brevet Major-General Persifer F. Smith, and to pay the expenses incurred by said companies, approved 14th January, 1856, was taken up, read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the rule was suspended, the bill read third time, and passed.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed, "A bill for the relief of Geo. H. Burroughs."

On motion of Mr. McDade, "A bill to incorporate the Washington County Railroad Company" was taken up, and read first time.

Mr. McDade moved the suspension of the rule: carried, and the bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the bill was amended, 1st, by striking out the 1st, 2d, and 3d sections, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "Section 1st. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That James W McDade, John Stamps, R R Peeble, Terrell J Jackson, Joseph C Wallace, A M Lewis, Hosea Garrett, A M M Upshaw, T G Allcorn, James H Stevens, Wm J Hutchins, William M Rice, and Cornelius Ennis, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open books and receive subscriptions to the capital stock of a corporation to be styled the 'Washington County Railroad Company;' but they shall receive no subscriptions to said capital stock, unless five per cent. thereof in cash shall be paid to them at the time of subscribing; and should they receive subscriptions to said stock, without such payment, they shall be personally liable to pay the same to said corporation when organized. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum to do business, and they may hold their meetings at such times and places as a majority shall designate; provided that public notice of all such meetings shall be given, by publication in some newspaper printed in Washington county, at least twenty days before any such meeting."

Section 2d. The subscribers to said capital stock, whenever they shall have elected directors in the manner heretafter provided, shall be, and they are hereby created and established a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Washington County Railroad Company, with capacity in said corporate name to make contracts, to have succession and a common seal, to make by-laws for the government and regulation of the said company, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to grant and receive, and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be necessary and proper, for or incident to the fulfilment of its obligations, for the maintenance of its rights under this act, and in accordance with the constitution and laws of the State.

Section 3d. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars, and it shall have power to increase the same to two millions of dollars. The said corporation shall be, and is hereby invested with the rights of locating, constructing, owning and maintaining a railway, commencing at such point on the trunk of the Galveston and Red river railway as said corporation shall deem most suitable crossing the Brazos river within the limits of Washington county, and then running by the most suitable and direct line to Brenham in said county.

2d. By striking out all of the 5th Section down to the word "No," in the 10th line, and inserting the following in lieu thereof.

Section 5. The immediate control and direction of the affairs of said corporation shall be vested in a board of not less than five directors. Said directors shall elect one of their number to be President of the company. Whenever two hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock of said corporation shall have been subscribed, and five per cent thereof shall have been paid to the Commissioners hereinbefore named, they shall cause an election to be held by said subscribers, at the town of Chapel Hill in Washington county, for not less than five directors, having first given public notice of the time of said election in some newspaper published in said county; after which the said commissioners shall account for and pay over to said directors all such sums as they shall have received of the capital stock of said company, first deducting a reasonable compensation for their services as commissioners.

Also by striking out all after the word "power" in the 1st line of the 6th section to the word "and" in the 4th line, and insert the following words, viz: "To receive further subscriptions to the capital stock of said corporation, from time to time until the full amount thereof shall have been subscribed; but

five per cent of all such subscriptions shall be paid in cash at the time of subscribing, and the directors shall be personally liable to said company for five per cent of all subscriptions they may receive to said capital stock without such payment, provided, however, that said company may, by the vote of a majority of the stockholders, cause certificates of stock to be issued in payment of any debt contracted for the construction or equipment of their road."

Also, by striking out in 12th section, 2nd line, the words "March 1856" and inserting "July 1857."

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr McDade, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Guinn, Hill, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Truit, Whitaker, White and Wren—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, and Grimes—3.

On motion of Mr White, a bill to change the times of holding courts in the 10th and 14th Judicial Districts, was taken up, read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr White, the rule was further suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Mr Hill, a bill to define the first Judicial District and fix the time of holding courts therein, was taken up and read.

Mr Potter offered the following as a substitute for 2nd section:

Sec. 2nd. From and after the taking effect of this act, the District courts in the first Judicial District shall commence and be held as follows, to-wit:

In the county of Matagorda, on the second Monday in March and the 4th Monday in September of each year, and may continue in session one week.

In the county of Wharton, on the first Monday after the second Monday in March and the first Monday after the 4th Monday in September, and may continue in session one week.

In the county of Colorado on the second Monday after the second Monday in March, and the second Monday after the 4th Monday in September, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Fayette, on the fourth Monday after the second Monday in March, and the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday in September, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Austin on the sixth Monday after the second Monday in March, and the sixth Monday after the fourth Monday in September, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Fort Bend on the eighth Monday after the second Monday in March, and the eighth Monday after the 4th Monday in September, and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Brazoria on the tenth Monday after the second Monday in March, and the tenth Monday after the fourth Monday in September, and may continue in session two weeks. Adopted.

Mr Bryan offered the following as a substitute for Sec. 4 :

Sec. 4. That the provisions of all laws, so far as they conflict with this act, are hereby repealed ; and this act shall take effect and be in force, from, and after the 1st day of August, 1856, provided that one or more counties shall be added before the 1st day of Aug. next, to the 2d judicial district ; otherwise this act shall be null and void ; adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Hill the rule was suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr Whitaker, the message of the Governor vetoing an act amending and supplementary to an act amending and supplementary to an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Rail Road, was taken up and read, and the bill passed notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Flanagan, Guinn, Hill, Hord, Lott, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin, Truit, Whitaker, White, and Wren—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Grimes, Taylor of Cass, and Weatherford—4.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had concurred in the resolution of the Senate, to adjourn on the 4th day of Feb. next, to meet again on the 1st Monday in July, 1856.

Mr Potter introduced a bill supplementary to an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas—approved March 20th, 1848 ; read first and second times, and referred to committee on public debt.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported a bill for the relief of A. M. Clare, correctly engrossed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of the creditors and colonists of the German Emigration company, and to indemnify said company for lands given by the State to the colonists—being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on yesterday, was taken up.

Mr Armstrong offered a bill for the relief of the Texian cred-

itors of the German Emigration Company, as a substitute for the bill.

Mr Palmer moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Mr Russell moved to lay the bill and substitute on the table ; lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Martin, Pirkey, Russell, Scott, Weatherford, and Whitaker—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Doane, Ford, Lott, McDade, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Scarborough, Superviele, Taylor of Fannin, Truit, and White—13.

The question then recurred on the motion to lay the substitute on the table, which was carried.

On motion of Mr Weatherford, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Potter presented the petition of Robert Baldwin, for transportation of supplies in 1837 ; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed—

A bill to define the 1st Judicial District, and to fix the time of holding the District Courts therein.

A bill for the relief of S A White.

A bill to provide for the liquidation and settlement of certain meritorious claims therein named.

A bill to amend the 7th Section of an Act to provide for the payment of six companies of mounted volunteers, that were mustered into the service of the State of Texas, on the 1st day of November, 1854, under requisition of Brevet Major General Persifer F Smith, and to pay the expenses incurred by said companies, approved 14th Jan'y 1856 ; and

A bill to change the time of holding Courts in the 10th and 14th Judicial Districts.

Mr Hill, from the committee on Private Land Claims, No 1, to which was referred the petition of John E English and Bailey English, reported the same back, recommending its rejection.

Mr Hill, from the same committee, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of the heirs of R G Dunlap, find that the